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1. MAKARIOS' POTENTIALLY IMPORTANT OFFER TO MEET WITH DENKTASH,
WHICH FIRST SURFACED IN RECENT INTERVIEW WITH DEUTSCHE WELLE, HAS
STILL DRAWN RELATIVELY LITTLE ATTENTION. TURK CYPRIOT LEADER
DENKTASH, IN JULY 27 STATEMENT, NOTED THE OFFER BUT SAID "THERE
IS NOTHING MUCH." CONTINUED DENKTASH: "MAKARIOS' EFFORTS TO SIT
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AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE UNDER THE PRETEXT OF CYPRUS GOVERNMENT

ARE FUTILE SINCE MAKARIOS HAS DESTROYED THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS...BY USURPING ALL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY (FROM THE TURKISH COMMUNITY) SINCE 1963." HE STOPPED SHORT OF POSING A FORMAL RENUNCIATION BY MAKARIOS OF HIS PRESIDENTIAL STATUS AS A CONDITION FOR MEETING WITH MAKARIOS, HOWEVER, SAYING THEY COULD HOLD NEGOTIATIONS "UNDER CONDITIONS OF EQUALITY AS THE LEADERS OF TWO ADMINISTRATIONS OR COMMUNITIES."

2. PRO-CLERIDES AGHON REPORTED THAT ONE OF THE AIMS OF THE RECENT VISIT OF KURT MATTICK, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF FRG BUNDESTAG, WAS TO ENCOURAGE A MEETING BETWEEN MAKARIOS AND DENKTASH. FRG EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED THIS PRIVATELY TO US. FRG EMBOFF SAID THAT RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE WAS ONE OF THE REASONS FOR MATTICK'S DECISION TO CHANGE HIS SCHEDULE AND TO RETURN TO GERMANY BY WAY OF ATHENS AND ANKARA. DILLERY

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